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FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED DRAFTS FOR PRESS STATEMENTS RE
US ENDORSEMENT OF M'BOW FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASH-
INGTON AND PARIS. DEPT MAY WISH FOLLOW DIFFERENT PROCE-
DURE, AND TEXT IS SUGGESTED MERELY AS POSSIBLE COURSE OF
ACTION ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED SCENARIO:

A. SUGGESTED FOR US DISSEMINATION:

THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED TODAY IN PARIS ITS EN-
DORSEMENT OF THE CANDIDACY OF AMADOU MAHTAR M'BOW
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FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED NA-

TIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION. IF ELECTED, MR. M'BOW, A FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN THE WEST AFRICAN REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL AND CURRENTLY UNESCO'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION, WILL BE THE FIRST AFRICAN TO HEAD ONE OF THE MAJOR UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES.

THE DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR MR. M'BOW WAS MADE BY MINISTER-COUNSELOR WILLIAM B. JONES, THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO. MR. JONES PRAISED THE OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS OF MR. M'BOW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

UNESCO IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, WITH 131 MEMBER STATES, AND IS HEADQUARTERED IN PARIS. THE ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO MEMBER STATES TO BE HELD IN PARIS THIS FALL. MR. M'BOW WAS ENDORSED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AT A RECENT MEETING OF AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS.

B. SUGGESTED FOR AFRICAN DISSEMINATION:

THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED TODAY ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTION OF AMADOU MAHTAR M'BOW OF SENEGAL TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION. MR. M'BOW'S CANDIDACY WAS PUT FORWARD BY PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR OF SENEGAL. HE HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND ENJOYS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG UNESCO MEMBER STATES. IF ELECTED BY THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MEMBER STATES THIS FALL, MR. M'BOW WILL BE THE FIRST AFRICAN TO HEAD A MAJOR UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMERICAN SUPPORT WAS MADE IN PARIS BY WILLIAM B. JONES, THE UNITED STATES MINISTER AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO. MR. JONES CITED THE OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS OF MR.
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M'BOW WHO IS A FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF SENEGAL AND CURRENTLY IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO FOR EDUCATION.

PLEASE ADVISE.

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